

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A musical content utilizing apparatus comprising:

an input portion for inputting musical content data comprising different kinds of content material data about music and content definition data defining the handling of the content material data;

a utilization portion for providing a user with musical information ~~through the use of~~ based on said input content material data; and

a transformation portion for transforming said input content definition data ~~in order to make the content definition data applicable to said utilization portion to add an item which is not defined in said content definition data, or to change an item which is defined in the content definition data~~ and supplying the transformed content definition data to said utilization portion.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A musical content utilizing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transformation portion comprises:

a stylesheet storage portion for storing a stylesheet defining a transformation rule applied to said content definition data; and

a transformation processing portion for ~~conducting a process of~~ transforming said input content definition data to add an item which is not defined in said content definition data, or to change an item which is defined in the content definition data in accordance with the stylesheet stored in said stylesheet storage portion.

3. (*Original*) A musical content utilizing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said stylesheet stored in said stylesheet storage portion is upgradable.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A musical content utilizing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

said utilization portion has a display unit;

said stylesheet includes data defining a display layout on said display unit of a content material represented by said content material data; and

said utilization portion controls, on the basis of said data defining the display layout, the display layout on the display unit of the content material represented by said content material data.

5. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program applied to for a musical content utilizing apparatus providing a user with musical content, said program including the processes of:

an input-process instruction for inputting musical content data comprising different kinds of content material data about music and content definition data defining the handling of the content material data;

a utilization-process instruction for providing a user with musical information through the use of based on said input content material data; and

a transformation-process instruction for transforming said input content definition data in order to make the content definition data applicable to said utilization-process to add an item which is not defined in said content definition data, or to change an item which is defined in the content definition data.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium-program according to claim 5, wherein said the transformation-process conducting a process of transforming instruction transforms said input content definition data to add an item which is not defined in said content definition data, or to change an item which is defined in the content definition data in accordance with a stylesheet defining a transformation rule applied to said content definition data, said stylesheet being stored in a memory of said musical content utilizing apparatus.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium-program according to claim 6, wherein said stylesheet stored in said memory is upgradable.

8. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium-program according to claim 6, wherein: said musical content utilizing apparatus has a display unit;
said stylesheet includes data defining a display layout on said display unit of a content material represented by said content material data; and

said the utilization-process instruction controls, on the basis of said data defining the display layout, the display layout on the display unit of the content material represented by said content material data.

9-32. (*Canceled*)